

Valentine Pinkeeper



This pattern is for making a vintage-style pinkeeper. I designed this one specifically for Valentine's Day.

The possibilities for embellishment are endless. Use your imagination and make several, so you can give one to all your quilting friends as valentines!

What you'll need:

Two 5" squares of a print fabric

Two 5" squares of plain muslin

Two 4" squares of TimTex

Two 4" squares of batting (preferably wool)

Heart Template (on next page)

Embellishments of your choice

Perle cotton



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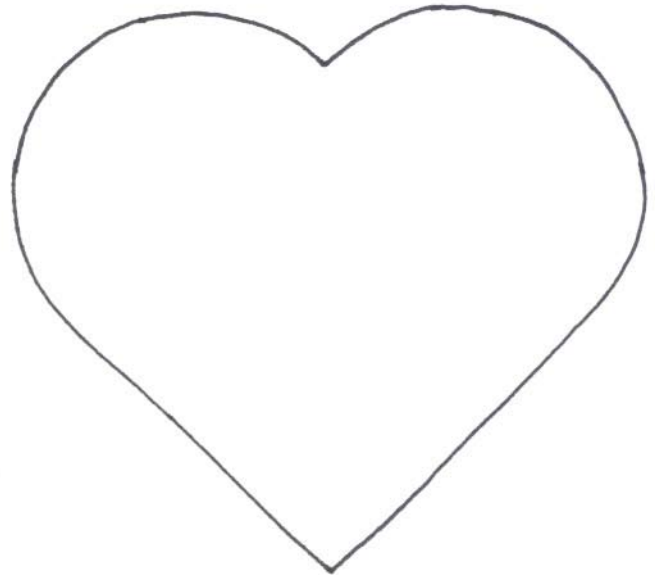
What to do:

Copy and cut out a heart template from the pattern here, so you'll have it ready.

Lay a piece of muslin on your ironing surface. If your fabric has a definite "right" or "wrong" side, then make sure it is right side down.

Lay a piece of TimTex on top of it.

Place a print square right side up on top of the TimTex to make a sandwich.



Press both sides to fuse the fabric to the TimTex.

Repeat for the remaining squares of muslin, TimTex and print fabric so that you have two such "sandwiches".



Lay the heart template on one sandwich and trace around it with a marking pencil.

Repeat for the other sandwich.

To one sandwich, add your chosen embellishments. This will be the front of your pinkeeper. When adding the embellishments, be sure to keep them at least 1/4" inside the drawn line.



When you are finished embellishing, cut out both hearts on the drawn line.



Use your heart template to cut heart shapes from the two pieces of batting.

Lay the UNembellished (back) heart right side down on your work surface.



Stack the two pieces of batting on top of it, then lay the embellished (front) heart right side up on top of the stack.



Holding the layers together carefully, stitch a blanket stitch around the edge through the front and back hearts to secure them together. The stitching does not need to be exceptionally tight, and as you stitch, push the batting inside as you go — it does not need to be caught in the stitches.



When you've gone all the way around, secure your thread, and you're ready to store your pins in your new pinkeeper. Just slide the pins through the sides into the wool batting.

I added little hanging charms off the bottom of mine. You could go nuts with ideas for ways to embellish these little things, and they are very quick to make, so go have some fun making pinkeepers!